THE PASSIONATE PROGRAMMER TO HIS COMPUTER (With apologies to C. Marlowe)

Come live with me and be my love
And we will all the theorems prove:
The four colour map, lattice theory,
Bootstrap method and Goldbach's query.

Together we'll spend hours of joy,
Playing computer games, O marvellous toy:
Pac-man, Frogger, Space Eggs, Defender,
Asteroids, Galaxian — Oh! What splendour!

I'll program you with programs plenty
So that your memory and disks will never be empty:
I'll use Basic, Fortran, Pilot and Cobol;
Forth and Lisp and perhaps even Snobol.

Hardware, software and firmware too.
If these things appeal to you,
Then live with me and be my love,
And we will all the theorems prove.

Colin Naturman (9)